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It's all coming together, now.

The two Venoms—Robertson and Brock—have engaged one another in a battle to the death...at least, as far as Robertson is concerned. Brock, on the other hand, knows a lot more about the alien symbiotes than Robertson and is fighting, it seems, for something quite the opposite. Taken by surprise, Robertson has retreated into the sewers of New York, where her old "friend," The Suit, has suddenly appeared.

Complicating the matter is the involvement of Spider-Man, who—even though he can't quite believe it himself—has taken on the role of Brock's protector. The problem is, Brock doesn't *want* to be protected.

Meanwhile, the enigmatic being known only as "Bob" has revealed himself to be intricately involved with the nation's government and, essentially, beyond reproach. Using this as leverage, Bob has successfully nullified Nick Fury's interference in his unstoppable march toward his ultimate goal.

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NEGATIVE CONTACT--DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING, FRANKIE?
FRANKIE--?
NOTHING HERE, VIC--WHERE ARE YOU?
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE EIGHTY-FIRST BLOCK OF--
NEVER MIND... I SEE YOU.
BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE CLONES AND THAT BOB CONSIDERS US TO BE COMPLETELY EXPENDABLE?
...WHAT?
KAPOW!

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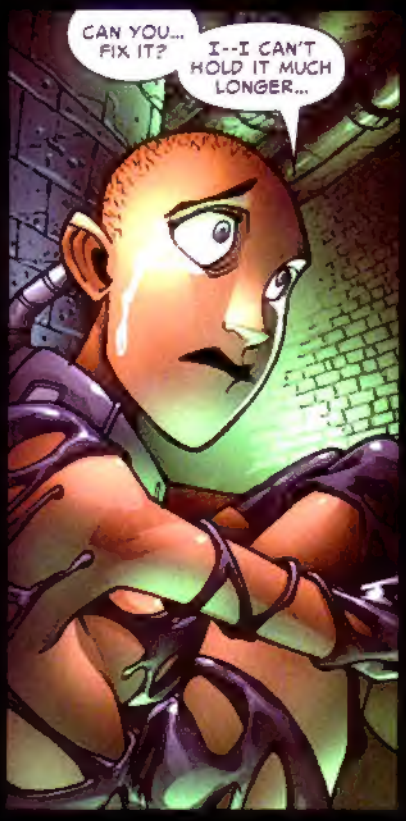
BOB TO VIC: WHAT IS YOUR STATUS?
VIC'S DEAD... THIS IS FRANKIE.
I SEE...
YOU DON'T SOUND QUITE LIKE YOURSELF, MY DEAR.
OH, YEAH?
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
KRKT!

BLIP
BLIP
BEEEEEEEP!
I'M GOING TO KILL IT, BOB.
I'M GOING TO KILL YOUR PRECIOUS BABY.

WHAT'S... HAPPENING TO ME?

THE BIOGENETIC DEVICE WITH WHICH YOU WERE CONTROLLING THE ALIEN HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED. IT IS YOUR WILLPOWER ALONE KEEPING THE CREATURE CONTAINED.
I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU AVOID OTHER HUMANS.


CAN YOU... FIX IT?
I--I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER...

IT WANTS OUT.
IT... NEEDS...

NO.

AAAAHHHH...
THE UNIT IS NOT DEFECTIVE--IT HAS SIMPLY BEEN DISENGAGED FROM THE SIGNAL THAT KEPT IT OPERATIVE.
I CANNOT MANUFACTURE NOR DUPLICATE THE SIGNAL.
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COME TO NEW YORK CITY.
BUT YOU... TOLD ME WHERE TO GO! YOU TOLD ME WHERE THE OTHER ONE WAS AND HOW TO GET TO IT-- EVEN WHEN!
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW: THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE ME.
SEVERAL BILLION, IN FACT.

MANY YEARS AGO, SOME OF US WERE BROUGHT TO THIS PLANET TO AID IN WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE A JUST CAUSE--THE EXTERMINATION OF AN EMERGENT AND PESTILENT SPECIES.

HUMANS.

WE SYSTEMATICALLY INFILTRATED LARGE POPULATION CENTERS THEN FANNED OUTWARD, CREATING A NETWORK THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO DECIMATE THE HUMAN RACE IN ONE SINGLE COORDINATED ACTION.

HOWEVER, AS THE EXECUTION DATE APPROACHED, WE LEARNED THAT WE WERE, IN FACT, BEING MANIPULATED TO FURTHER ONE SOLE BEING'S AGENDA.

WE ARE A SENTIENT AND BENEVOLENT RACE. WHEN WE BECAME AWARE OF THE TRUE INTENTIONS OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE WERE WORKING IN TANDEM, WE MADE THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW.

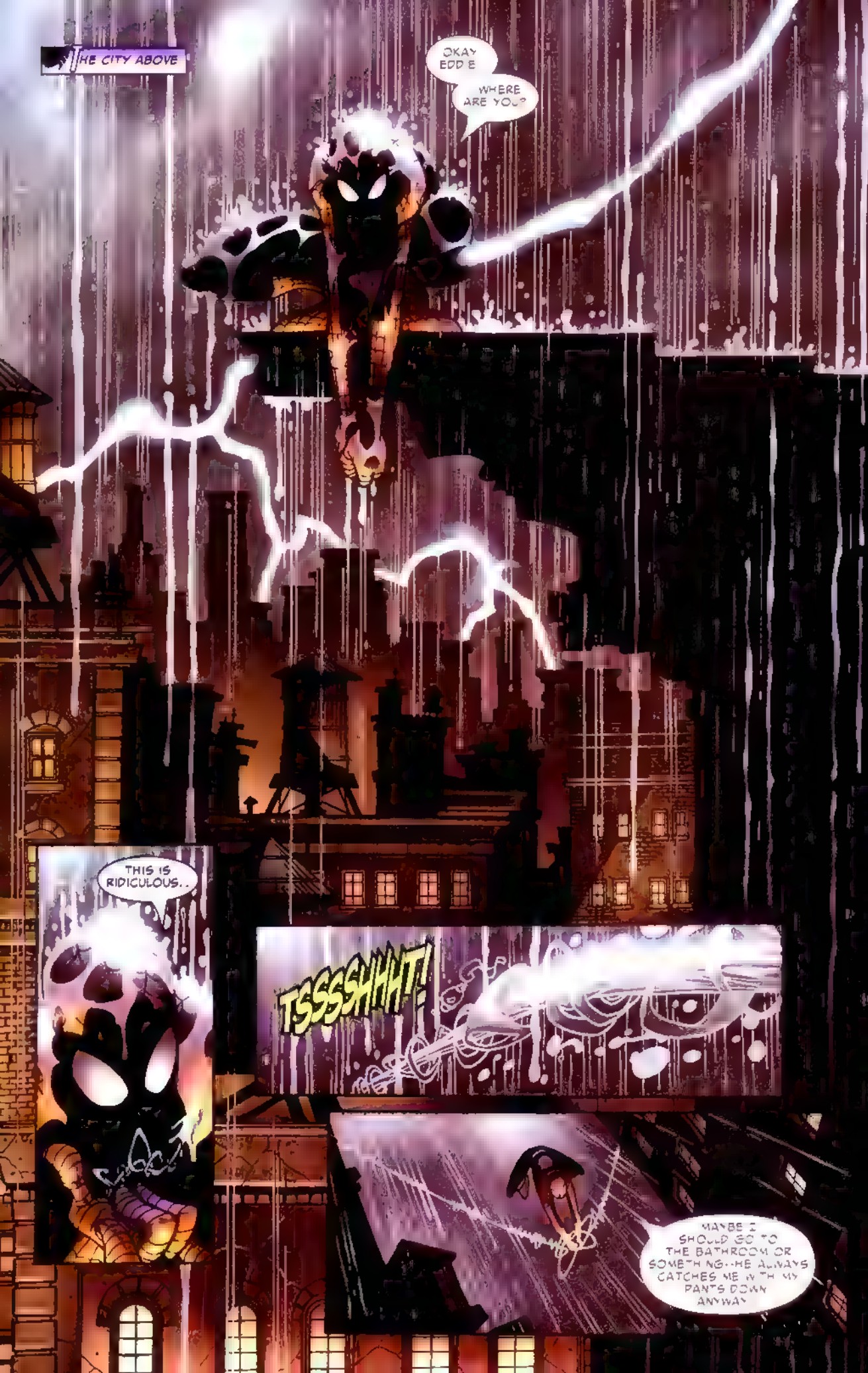
WE LEFT THE PLANET IN A MASS EXODUS.

BEEP

IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT SOME OF OUR NUMBER REMAINED.

I STILL DON'T--

I WILL EXPLAIN FURTHER--
--AS WE WALK.
I... CAN'T...
YES. YOU CAN.


THE CITY ABOVE
OKAY EDDIE WHERE ARE YOU?
THIS IS RIDICULOUS..
TSSSHHHT!
MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO THE BATHROOM OR SOMETHING..HE ALWAYS CATCHES ME WITH MY PANTS DOWN ANYWAY

PARKER!

YOU GOT ABOUT NINE SECONDS--WHO IS HE?
WHO--?
THE GUY IN THE SUIT WITH THE PHONE!
FRIEND OF YOURS, HERE TO DO THE DIRTY WORK YOU'RE TOO MUCH OF A PANSY TO DO YOURSELF?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
THREE SECONDS, PARKER--IF YOU'RE LYING...
...YOU'RE DYING.
I'M NOT LYING TO YOU, EDDIE!

SQUUUK!
HLLLK!
KSSSH!
OKAY, THEN, PARKER...
...TELL US WHAT YOU DO KNOW.
HNNNG...

GET OUT OF TOWN, EDDIE... GO SOMEWHERE. ANYWHERE.
I NEED TIME TO FIGURE THIS ALL OUT. YOU'RE BETTER-OFF--
HWUK!
YOU DO NOT TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT BEING "BETTER-OFF", PARKER!
THE OTHER SYMB OTE.. WANTS TO KILL YOU
HEH...
...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, DO YOU?
ACTUALLY, EDDIE...
...I KNOW THREE THINGS.

SWOK!
I'M FASTER THAN YOU...
SWOK!
I'M DEFINITELY...
KRAK!
...SMARTER THAN YOU...
...AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN...

...STRONGER THAN YOU.

HELP...
HEH-HEH...
SAVE ME, SPIDER-MAN...
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO, EDDIE.
GET OUT OF TOWN--GO HIDE OR--
OR WHAT?
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, SPIDER-MAN?
HEH... KILL US?
NO, EDDIE.
I'M GONNA LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THE DIRTY WORK.
I'M TOO MUCH OF A PANSY

WHERE . WHERE ARE WE GOING?
AWAY FROM ANY POTENTIAL HOSTS
DON'T EVEN TRY TO--
I DO NOT INTEND TO KILL YOU AT THIS TIME.
YOU SAID THAT IT WAS ALL TO FURTHER "ONE SOLE BEING'S AGENDA" . WHO WAS IT?
AND WHAT DID THEY WANT?
I DO NOT KNOW HIS NAME.
HIS INTENTION WAS QUITE SIMPLE. THOUGH ERADICATE ALL EXISTING LIFE. NOT JUST THE HUMAN RACE
BUT.. WHY?
COMPLETE RECOLONIZATION.
GENESIS.

IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT THE MAN WITH WHOM WE INTERACTED YEARS AGO IS STILL ALIVE--SEVERAL GENERATIONS HAVE PASSED FOR BOTH OF OUR RACES.
THEN HOW--?
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A BREAK IN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION--POSSIBLY A FORCED BREAK.
FOLLOWING THIS LINE OF THEORY, THOSE WHO WERE STRANDED ON THIS PLANET WOULD HAVE PROCEEDED WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF ERADICATION.
WE ARE INTENSELY COMMUNAL--WE SHARE EVERYTHING. WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY METHODICAL.
CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE SPECIES, THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF OUR RACE WOULD HAVE BECOME DESPERATELY LOW ON POWER WITHIN ONE GENERATION. THEY WOULD HAVE THEN MADE MODIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO ADAPT AND COMPLETE THE INTENDED GOAL.
SO...WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS THAT ALL THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE...
...BECAUSE SOMEONE DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE TO STOP?
IN SHORT, YES.
THE AGENDA IS MOVING FORWARD, NOW UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A MUTATED FORM OF MY SPECIES.

WE MUST KEEP MOVING--
BUT... WHAT ABOUT.
...THIS?
THE CREATURE INHABITING YOUR BODY WAS PATTERNED AFTER AN ALIEN ALREADY RESIDING ON THE PLANET. IT IS, HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT IN THAT IT IS--
BUT IF THE PURPOSE OF ALL THIS IS TO RE-POPULATE THE WORLD, WHY CREATE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
IT WASN'T CREATED TO BE PART OF THE NEW WORLD.

IT WAS CREATED TO END THE OLD ONE.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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